

boundaries are estimated and mapped. **Figure 3-11** shows the floodplains and floodways in the study area.

### **3.3.9 Managed Lands**

The following sections describe protected lands near the study area: wild and scenic rivers, state / national forests, and gamelands / preservation areas. **Figure 3-12** identifies key resources in the region.

#### **3.3.9.1 Wild and Scenic Rivers**

There are no listed Wild and Scenic Rivers in the study area; however, one river is identified as potentially eligible. The two primary rivers in the area are the White Oak River and the Trent River.

**White Oak River:** The White Oak River runs along the county boundary between Jones and Onslow Counties. It is a blackwater river approximately 40 miles in length and empties into the Atlantic Ocean at Onslow Bay. The White Oak River forms the western boundary of the Croatan National Forest. It is listed by the National Park Service as potentially eligible for listing as a Wild and Scenic River. Based on 1982 and 1993 National Park Service studies, portions of the river are considered potentially eligible based on scenery, recreational opportunities, and wildlife.

**Trent River:** The Trent River crosses through the study area just north of SR 1337 (Goshen Road) in Pollocksville, winding generally west to east along the boundary of the Croatan National Forest to the Neuse River. The Trent River is approximately 100 miles in length and provides recreational opportunities for boating, fishing, and wildlife viewing. Although the Trent River is not a national Wild and Scenic River, the NC Department of Natural Resources classifies the Trent River and its tributaries (Goshen Branch, Mill Creek, Scott Creek, Deep Gully, and 15 unnamed tributaries) as managed and monitored at the state level, as discussed in Section 3.5.3.

#### **3.3.9.2 State / National Forests**

**Hofmann State Forest:** Hofmann State Forest is an 80,000-acre state forest that is owned and managed by the Endowment Fund of North Carolina State University. The forest lies west and southwest of the project area.

**Croatan National Forest:** The Croatan National Forest is a 160,000-acre national forest located between New Bern and Maysville, east of US 17, that extends to NC 24 near the Intracoastal